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SY CHANNEL

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: POSSIBLE ILLEGAL USE OF APO FACILITIES

1. POST DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS (DEA) CONTACTED THE RSO ON MAY 5. THEY HAVE STRONG REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO USE THE APO FACILITIES IN ROME ARE RECEIVING MARIJUANA IN ENVELOPES. THE RECIPIENTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED AND MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE DEPENDENTS OF STATE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL. THEY COULD BE MILITARY DEPENDENTS OR ANY OF THE OTHER MYRIAD CATEGORIES OF PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MAIL THROUGH THE APO AT A LARGE POST SUCH AS ROME.

2. DEA OFFICIALS STATED THEY HAVE NO JURISDICTION TO TAKE ACTION WITHIN THE ANNEX BUILDING WHERE THE APO FACILITIES ARE LOCATED NOR DO THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THE RECIPIENTS TO OPEN THE ENVELOPE FOR INSPECTION. THEY HAVE THE OPTION OF NOTIFYING THE ITALIAN POLICE WHO WOULD ARREST THE RECIPIENTS ONCE THEY REACHED THE STREET FROM THE ANNEX. THIS, THEY ARE NATURALLY RELUCTANT TO DO, BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE RAMIFICATIONS.

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3. DEA OFFICIALS ASKED IF THE RSO COULD TAKE SOME ACTION SINCE THE APO IS LOCATED IN THE ANNEX, ONE OF OUR OFFICIAL BUILDINGS AT POST.

4. THERE ARE MANY LEGAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED HERE. FRANKLY, THE RSO DOES NOT KNOW WHICH ACTION, IF ANY, IS PERMISSABLE OR LEGAL IN SUCH A CASE. THIS CABLE IS A REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE AND

A LEGAL OPINION. CAN THE RSO REQUEST THE RECIPIENT TO OPEN THE LETTER? CAN THE RSO OPEN THE LETTER AT THE APO ON PROBABLE CAUSE? THERE ARE AT PRESENT TWO SUSPECT LETTERS AT THE APO, ONE FROM SUADI ARABIA AND ONE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.GARDNER

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